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which is "sicklied o'er by the pale cast of thought" only in the few concluding stanzas.

Comparisons in literature, as elsewhere, were ever invidious. To say that "The Ancient Mariner" is a tuneful expression of a wholesome moral idea, enriched by original and suggestive fantasy, is perhaps an estimate with which neither author nor censor might quarrel.

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#### ODE TO MATHEMATICS<sup>\*</sup>

O come, thou great god Mathematic,  
Come, most divine and most ecstatic,  
Thee many men admire on earth,  
And love to learn of thy true worth.  
On thy letter-decked hand  
Let Algebra grandly take his stand,  
Accompanied by mysterious  $x$ ,  
Often bound to puzzle and vex.  
And then let come Geometry,  
With cousin Trigonometry,  
Bearing a sine and cosine, too—  
Their union makes the tangent true,  
And after all their friends appear,  
Then shall I feel great joy and cheer.

REBECCA NADWOMEY

<sup>\*</sup> An imitation of Milton by a pupil in the Junior class of the high school at Bayonne, N.J.